

NEW YORK, Oct. 29th, 1861.
Cotton firm, middling uplands 21³/₄.

AUGUSTA, GA., Nov. 2d, 1861.

The engagement near Savannah on the 21st ult., was caused by an attempt of the Federals to bring a schooner that was aground on Warsaw beach, but the attempt failed. The frigate disappeared on yesterday.

Advices from Fort Smith, Ark., say that M. Dodge reports the death of ex-Gov. Sam. Houston, in Texas.

ENCL. TO THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

SAVANNAH, GA., Nov. 1st, 1861.—P. M.

Eight steamers attacked Port Royal this morning. Our batteries and Commodore Tattnall's steamer fired one hundred and fifty shots.

One Federal steamer was badly damaged, and was towed off; another one is ashore and disabled. Commodore Tattnall is still in her, and hopes to capture her.

Five hundred men left here to-night for the scene of action.

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SAVANNAH, GA., Nov. 6, 1861.—P. M.

The Savannah papers of this morning say that Commodore Tattnall made a reconnaissance with his fleet on Monday, last, and fired on the Federal fleet. Thirty or forty shots were exchanged with the iron-clad "Monitor," which had been received that the fleet intends to make a general attack on Beaufort, Tybee and Fort Pulaski.

Our defences are very strong.

Letter from Rosser and Floyd's Commanders.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., Nov. 4, 1861.—P. M.

The "Baldwin" has received intelligence, derived from a private letter written by the wife of one of our officers, of the occupation of Charleston, S. C., by the United States troops.

It was, however, impossible to get reliable information.

The effect of this occupation is to cut off supplies from Georgia and Texas, and thus force the Federals, or, if we are to believe their report, from the Kenne-Valley, via South Carolina.

The Federal Fleet of 100 vessels, &c.,

arrived at the port of New York, Aug. 24, 1861.—P. M.

At two o'clock last night three of the Federal vessels were in sight of Tybee, standing off Port Royal in line of battle. Active preparations are making at Savannah to repel an attack.

[Port Royal is laid down in the Coast Survey as being about 50 miles North of Tybee light house, and Tybee light is on the North end of Tybee Island, is about 10 miles below Savannah. The fleet could very easily have been seen on Port Royal from Tybee light house.]

THE FEDERAL FLEET OF 100 VESSELS, &C.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 1st, 1861.—P. M.

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CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

WILMINGTON, N. C., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1861.

Rumors.

From present indications it would appear that the Federal fleet has already or is about collecting off our bars. Pickets who left Camp Wyatt this morning at 2 o'clock, report heavy cannonading in the direction of Fort Caswell, previous to their departure. Similar reports are said to have been heard in town about the same hour, by some of our citizens. It may be that the blockading Steamers were after another corn cracker, or the firing heard may have been signal guns for the concentration of the fleet. One thing is quite evident, that nothing definite has yet been received from our fortifications, and we would suggest to our citizens the propriety of keeping cool on the subject—but at the same time to be prepared for any emergency—as there is no telling at what moment we may all be called upon to assist in the defence of our homes, wives, children and property, from the ravages of an invading force of hessians. We hardly think the enemy have yet shown themselves, or that an attempt will be made to land or force our works to-day. Not a word, so far as we can learn, has been received from any of the fortifications on the coast since early this morning. If any thing of a serious nature had taken place it would have been officially reported at Headquarters by this time, 12 M.

P. S. A gentleman just up from Col. Clugman's Camp reports no vessels in sight at 9 o'clock this morning. He confirms the reports of the firing in the direction of Fort Caswell last night.

Daily Journal, 1st inst.

The heavy cannonading reported to have been heard in the direction of Fort Caswell on Thursday night, turns out to be nothing more than the trial of a new gun which had been mounted the previous day, or something of that sort. We must confess that we are somewhat surprised to learn that such indelicacy should be allowed by the commander of any Fort, particularly at a time when everybody was momentarily expecting an attack from the enemy. Some arrangement should be entered into between the different fortifications, by which commanders of each station will understand the meaning of any firing, so as to prevent undue excitement. Our community, and we presume all others, are tired of false alarms, and do hope some method will be adopted to prevent a repetition.

JUDGE OF THE SIXTH CIRCUIT.—We learn from the State Journal that "the Governor and Council of State have appointed Thomas Ruffin, Jr., of Alamance, Judge of the Superior Court for the Sixth Circuit, vice Hon. J. M. Dick, deceased. In this appointment the Governor and Council have met the expectations of the people who know Mr. Ruffin. He is a gentleman of undoubted ability and high legal attainments, and if he accepts the appointment will bring to the discharge of the duties of his high office, in addition to his learning and legal attainments, the essential requisites of honesty and fidelity."

Daily Journal, 1st inst.

WE MENTIONED yesterday that Capt. Howard's Cavalry Company had returned from Swansboro', Onslow County. We are gratified in being able to state, on the authority of Capt. Howard and also of his troop, that their reception and treatment from the citizens of Swansboro' was of the most hospitable nature. Every comfort that could be desired was freely extended to the troop by the citizens of Swansboro'. This kind attention will long be remembered by the troop and their relatives and friends.

Daily Journal, 1st inst.

THE BIG FLEET.—The Newbern Progress of the 31st ult., says that "Commander Lynch sent one of his naval vessels down to Hatteras recently to look out for the big fleet of which we have heard so much of late.—There was one vessel inside and two or three out, but no trace of the great expedition could be seen. The guns at the Fort and the vessel inside both opened fire on our vessel, firing some 20 or 25 shots, to which our vessel responded ten or a dozen times—'nobody hurt' on either side. The steamer left there Tuesday at 1 o'clock and arrived here early yesterday morning."

"The above facts were furnished us by the politeness of one of the officers who says, that if the great expedition has sailed it must have gone on further South."

The steamer Keystone State arrived at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on the 25th ult. When off Cape Hatteras on Monday she encountered a severe gale, lasting until Tuesday, during which the Keystone State separated from her prior in charge of Lieut. Donaldson.—The prize drifted to the westward and the steamer to the eastward, separating them 167 miles before the steamer could go in search of her. When found she was steering on the direct course.

They Keystone State left Philadelphia on the 19th of July, and has since travelled fifteen thousand miles in search of the privateer Sumter. She arrived at Port-au-Prince five days after the Sumter left the last place. She heard of the Sumter at Surinam, where she was from the 19th of August to the 1st of September.—The Keystone State arrived at Surinam on the 19th of September.

She spoke the United States steamer Flag off Charleston on last Saturday—all well.

WE ARE requested to state that the note which appeared in this paper last week from "An Invincible" of the 28th regiment, did not originate from "Head Quarters" of said regiment. We make the statement as requested, still we are unable to discover the point aimed at. The writer no doubt stated facts, as he knew them to exist, and it matters but very little whether they came from a private or from "head quarters," provided they are facts, and the author de-sire to so express himself.

THE ROMEY FIGHT!—A dispatch to the Richmond papers under date of Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 31st, says that the editor of the Lynchburg Republican has just received a letter from a member of Colonel McDonell's Cavalry, fully confirming the defeat of the Confederates at Romey.

Our forces were attacked in two directions by an overwhelming force of Federals, and after a fight of two hours were forced to make a precipitate retreat, leaving behind baggage of every description, commissary and quartermaster's stores and papers and three pieces of cannon.

"Our whole force was between five and six hundred, of which two hundred and fifty were cavalry and the balance militia.

"The enemy had five thousand men, and their cavalry equalled our whole force. It was impossible for us to get reinforcements from any point, as our men everywhere were fighting more than ten times their number. It is impossible to arrive at our loss, but many are missing, and it is believed a considerable portion were killed, wounded and taken prisoners."

RETURNED.—Just as we go to press Capt. Howard's Company of Cavalry have arrived from Swansboro', Onslow County. They have been off on duty about eleven days.

WHAT CAN BE DONE!—Thos. C. Craft, Esq., grocer, Market street, slaughtered, a few days since, two pigs raised on his lot in town, 8½ months old, one of which weighed 187 and the other 186 pounds.

Wednesday Nov.

Electors are chosen by general ticket. Members of Congress by districts. We cannot state precisely the candidates in the different districts, but we may fairly take it for granted that those candidates or their friends will take care to enlighten the soldiers upon the fact of their candidacy and peculiar fitness for office, not of course, that any of them want the office for themselves, but are willing to suffer under the burden of public station for a while—all because of their desire to serve their country.

In the first district we notice the name of W. N. H. Smith, Esq., former representative and present delegate to the Congress at Richmond. In the second district R. R. Bridges, Esq., of Edgecombe, appears to have no opposition. In the third district, Owen R. Keran, Thomas I. Fa son, F. D. Koonce, E. A. Thompson and —— Thomas, Esq., are candidates. In the fourth we have heard to no one spoken of in opposition to T. D. McDowell, Esq., present delegate to the Provisional Congress. We presume there will be none. In the Raleigh district, the fifth, there are many of candidates, but really we have not been able to keep the ran of them. There are in the field, we believe, Hon. A. H. Arrington, of Nash; Hon. A. W. Venable, of Granville; Mr. Josiah Turner, of Orange; Mr. J. H. Gooch, former Sheriff of ——; in the Greenborough district, the sixth, we understand, that the contest is mainly between Mr. McLean and Mr. Dick. Mr. McLean is a Scouting Rights man to the core. We hardly see how Mr. Dick can be assigned any place in southern politics. In the Chatham district, the seventh, there are several candidates. Among others, Hon. Hugh Waddell, Mr. Christian, of Montgomery, and Mr. Headen, of Chatham. In the Salisbury district, the eighth, there may be several candidates, but the indications are that Mr. Lander, of Lincoln is generally looked upon as the man. In the main town district, the tenth, we notice the names of Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, Mr. Gardner, probably of Buc-combe, Mr. A. T. Davison of Cherokee, whose automatic signature we have possessed for some time. It is written at the bottom of a five dollar note of the Miners and Planters Bank, and is very respectable "fist"—It is No. 1086, letter B. We have to let her be, at present, for no body will take her off.

There is another district, the ninth, we think, but we are not able just now to say who are the candidates, if any, with the exception of Col. B. S. Gaiter, of Burke. As we said before, however, no doubt these gentlemen, if they desire the soldiers' voices, will keep them posted. We do not, in all cases, know the Christian name of the candidates.—*Daily Journal, 31st ult.*

THE DESTINATION OF THE FEDERAL FLEET.—The *Norfolk Day Book* of the 1st inst., learns from the returned North Carolinians, who have been released by the Federal government from imprisonment, and who had been detained for a couple of weeks at the Rip Raps, that "they heard the matter discussed pretty freely as to the destination of the federal fleet, which recently sailed; that it is to be divided, and one portion sent to Beaufort and Wilmington, one portion to Mobile, and another to Charleston, and if they met with such success as they anticipate at these points, they will continue their operations at other points on the Southern coast, and after it gets a little colder, they intend to pay Norfolk a visit."

Of course the above information is given by the passengers as they heard it, but it is not probable that it can be considered as being in any way official. We give it for what it may be worth.

The *Day Book* learns from a gentleman from Currituck Beach, that thirty-seven of the fleet were observed to pass that place Wednesday.

Nothing has been heard of the fleet since it passed Currituck. If the squadron is destined for our coast it is time it had made its appearance. Last night would have been a glorious time for them to have been close in to the shore. Some of their forces could certainly have been landed without an effort on their part, and received their quota of North Carolina soil—2 by 6 feet—or been buried in the ocean and eaten up by Sharks. The wind was from the right quarter in they had only availed themselves of its favors. We fear they kept off, and our people will not have the pleasure of burying any of them.—*Daily Journal, 2d inst.*

CAMP WYATT, N. C., Oct. 28th, 1861.

At a meeting of the Wilmington Light Infantry, held at the residence of Capt. W. H. Gardner, the Adj't and Surgeon, James appointed Secretary.

A committee, consisting of Sergt. Moore, Private B. Loyd and W. H. Gardner, was appointed, who offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, we have had with deep regret the untimely death of our comrade in arms, W. Robinson, therefore be it

Resolved, That while bowing with deep humility to the divine Providence, we can but mourn the death of one, who, by his gentleness of disposition and kindness of heart, had endeared himself to all.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere sympathies to the family of the deceased, assuring them that with all his worth and the truth is, it is coming at noonday.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the *Wilmington Journal*, with a request to publish.—*HENRY SAVAGE, Chairman.*

T. C. JAMES, Secretary.

For the Journal.

HEAD QUARTERS, 3D INFANTRY N. C. S. TROOPS, CAMP FOWLER, Oct. 29, 1861.

At a meeting of Capt. Pedd's Company E, 3d Regiment N. C. S. T., Sergt. J. P. Oates was requested to act as Adj't and Corp. Jenkins was requested to act as Sec'y.

The meeting being thus organized, on motion of Sergt. Stuckey, a Committee of three was appointed to draft a resolution to be read at the next meeting of the Association, relative to the death of private E. Green, of Company E.

The chair appointed said Committee W. S. Everett, J. R. King and Jacob Horn, and on motion of Corp. Mills, the chair was given to the Adj't and Corp. Jenkins.

Resolved, That we are deeply grieved at the death of our much esteemed friend and companion in arms, we can but submit to the wise providence of his maker, who knows best.

Resolved, That while we deeply deplore the loss of our friend and his mate, we are yet more grieved at the death of the patriot soldier.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the *Wilmington Journal*, with a request to publish.—*J. P. OATES, Chairman.*

J. P. OATES, Secretary.

BY THE PRESIDENT.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, it hath pleased Almighty God, the Sovereign Disposer of events, to protect and defend the Confederate States hitherto, in their conflict with their enemies, and to be unto them a shield;

And whereas, with grateful thanks we recognize His hand, and acknowledge that not unto us, but unto Him belongeth the victory, and in humble dependence upon His Almighty strength, and trusting in the justness of our cause, we appeal to Him, that He may set at naught our enemies and put us in possession of our rights;

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